

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-17 and 19-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 12, 15, 16, 24 and 25 remain independent. Some claims have been amended to improve form according to U.S. patent practice. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter/Claim Amendment

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 15-17 and 19-23 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made to reject independent claims 12, 24 and 25, but to expedite prosecution only, independent claims 12, 24 and 25 are now amended to contain the allowable subject matter of allowed independent claim 15 (or claim 1), and also recite additional features such as a memory. Thus, claims 12, 24 and 25 should also be indicated as allowable.

Claims 13 and 14 depend on claim 12 and are thus allowable for the same reasons claim 12 is allowable as discussed above.

Thus indication of allowance of claims 12-14, 24 and 25 is respectfully requested. This places the application in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 12-14 and 25 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al. in view of Sarr et al. Claim 24 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al. in view of Sarr et al. and further in view of White et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, independent claims 12, 24 and 25 have been amended to contain the allowable subject matter of allowed independent claim 15, and thus, claims 12, 24 and 25 should be indicated as allowable, and the rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

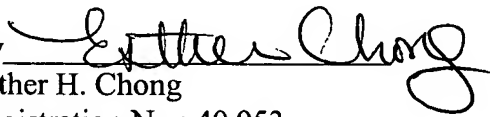
Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested and deemed proper since it places the application in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong Reg. No. 40,953 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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